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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Hector F. DeLuca, et al.
Serial No.: 09/769,579
Filed: January 25, 2001
For: METHOD OF TREATMENT OF TYPE
DIABETES
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Examiner: K. Stiller

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

In response to the October 10, 2001 Office Action and in the matter of the above-identified case, Applicants respectfully submit the following.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 6.

1. (Amended) A method of delaying the onset of diabetes in a human patient, comprising the step of orally administering to the patient an effective amount of a 1 α -hydroxy vitamin D compound such that the onset of diabetes or diabetes symptoms is slowed.

6. (Amended) A method of reducing the severity of diabetes symptoms comprising orally administering to a